THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to the procedure laid down by the Government Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) are required to be formulated as an integral part of the coal projects. These EMPs are scrutinised by an Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and only after formal clearance of the Ministry of Environment & Forests is available investment decisions are taken. These EMPs not only incorporate various environmental protective measures which have to be taken simultaneously with coal mining viz. land reclamation, afforestation, control of air and water pollution etc. but also include adequate measures on rehabilitation of land oustees. Adequate provisions are also being made for implementation of environmental protective measures. Advance EMPs for 10 major coalfields have been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Demand for tractors

*435. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for tractors in the country has slackened;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEPELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The sale of tractors during the year 1991-92 has registered a growth as compared to 1990-91 and the same trend is continuing during the current year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Health hazards due to operations of the Indian Rare Earths Limited

*436. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the operations of Indian Rare Earths Ltd. in Kerala continue to expose children, mothers and offsprings to serious health hazards; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The operation of Indian Rare Earths in Kerala are not exposing children, mothers and offsprings to serious health risks.

However, as a part of a scientific study, the Deptt. of Atomic Energy is currently funding the Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum to carry out a detailed health survey in Karunagapally Taluk in Kerala. This independent study is expected to throw light on the adverse effects, if any, of naturally occuring high background radiation in Kerala on the population.

Evaluation of IRDP

*437. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of IRDP has been evaluated; and

(b) if so, the deatils thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development undertakes Concurrent Evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) from time to time. The latest round of Concurrent

Evaluation of IRDP was conducted for the period January to December, 1989.

(b) The main findnigs of the 3rd round of Concurrent Evaluation (January—December, 1989) are as under:—

(1) Primary and Tertiary Sectors were areas of main thrust covering 44 per cent and 45 per cent families respectively. In primary sector, Dairy Units (20 per cent coverage) were more popular, as compared to other schemes. In Tertiary Sector, the reliance was on shops (17 per cent coverage) while in secondary sector, village industries accounted for 6 per cent coverage.

(2) 65 per cent beneficiaries were selected in the meetings of *Gram Sabhas*.

(3) In the opinion of the beneficiaries, the assets provided to them were of good quality in 80 per cent cases.

(4) About 37 per cent beneficiaries had no overdues and 29 per cent beneficiaries had overdues less than Rs. 1000/-.

(5) 94 per cent beneficiaries had not borrowed any money from private sources after acquisition of the asset.

(6) The assets had generated additional income (net of cost of maintenance and repayment of loan) of more than Rs. 2000/- in 42 per cent cases, between Rs. 1001/- and Rs. 2000/- in 18 per cent cases and between Rs. 501/- and 1000/- in 9 per cent cases.

(7) The old beneficiaries had crossed the poverty line of Rs. 3500/- in 81 per cent cases and revised poverty line of Rs. 6400/- in 28 per cent cases.

(8) Ineligible families were assisted in 16 per cent cases.

(9) In 82 per cent cases, there was no difference in the cost of the asset as per official report and its value in the opinion of the beneficiary. However, the remaining 18 per cent cases, some differences were observed. Of these, in 9 per cent cases there were significant differences of more than Rs 500. This indicated some malpractice and leakages in the implementation o IRDP.

(10) Working capital was not provided to beneficiaries in 20 per cen cases out of 62 per cent such cases where working capital was required.

(11) After care and Governmen support was not made available to th beneficiaries in 53 per cent cases ou of 71 per cent cases requiring such support.

(12) The beneficiaries were not aware of the Group Life Insurance Scheme in 76 per cent cases.

Restriction on sale of advanced computers by USA

*438. SRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States is restricting the sale of advanced computers to India as a retaliatory measures against the Government of India's decision not to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty;

(b) if so, the reaction of Governmen thereto;

(c) what is its likely impact on the Indian Computer Industry as a whole;

(d) whether Government propose to make some efforts to acquire advanced computers from USA; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Under the United States export control regulations, computers have alway